

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION

BRIAN MARQUINCE LONG,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	No. 18-1121-JDT-cgc
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STEPHEN PAGE, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR COPY OF DEPOSITION

On March 20, 2020, Plaintiff Brian Marquince Long filed a motion asking the Court to require the Defendant's counsel to provide him with his own, presumably, free copy of his deposition, which was taken on February 21, 2020. (ECF No. 33.) However, Plaintiff is not entitled to a free copy of the document.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(e)(1), Plaintiff could have asked to review the transcript of his deposition for accuracy,¹ but a copy of the finished transcript must be provided to the deponent or to any other party only if the "reasonable charges" of the court reporter are paid. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(f)(3). There is no authority requiring the Defendant or the government to pay those charges for Plaintiff. Even a party who has been allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 must "bear[] his own litigation expenses." *Dujardine v. Mich. Dep't of Corr.*,

¹ Rule 30(e)(1) provides that if the deponent so requests "before the deposition is completed," he must be given 30 days after the transcript becomes available "to review the transcript" and, "if there are changes in form or substance, to sign a statement listing the changes and the reasons for making them."

No. 1:07-cv-701, 2009 WL 3401172, at *1 (W.D. Mich. Oct. 19, 2009) (citing *Tabron v. Grace*, 6 F.3d 147, 158-59 (3d Cir. 1993) (“There is no provision in [§ 1915] for the payment by the government of the costs of deposition transcripts, or any other litigation expenses. . . .”)).

Plaintiff’s motion for a copy of his deposition is DENIED. If Plaintiff can pay the cost of the deposition, he may make arrangements with the court reporter to do so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ **James D. Todd**
JAMES D. TODD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE